



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION IX

75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, CA 94105-3901

May 10, 2018

Mr. Daniel Johnson
Vice President - General Manager
Florence Copper, Inc.
1575 W. Hunt Highway
Florence, Arizona 85132

**RE: Plugging and Abandonment Plan for Production Well WW3
Florence Copper Project, UIC Permit No. R9UIC-AZ3-FY11-1**

Dear Mr. Johnson:

We reviewed the Plugging and Abandonment (P&A) Plan submitted by letter dated May 2, 2018 for work activities to be performed at the Production Test Facility at the Florence Copper Project site in Florence, AZ. This letter provides EPA's formal approval of the P&A Plan for abandonment of Production Well WW3. As required in the UIC Permit, condition D.1, please provide notice to EPA at least 30 days in advance of plugging operations.

We appreciate notice of the P&A Plan for Production Well MF-2, and we do not have any comments on that Plan. Please note that since Production Well MF-2 is located outside the Area of Review for the PTF, the P&A activity is not formally regulated under FCI's UIC permit.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss further, please do not hesitate to call Nancy Rumrill, of my staff at (415) 972-3293 or me at (415) 972-3971.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David Albright", is positioned above the printed name.

David Albright
Manager, Drinking Water Protection Section

cc: Maribeth Greenslade, ADEQ